IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the application of:

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OLIGOMERIC CARRIER MOLECULES WITH DEFINED INCORPORATED MARKER GROUPS AND HAPTEN

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

September 5, 1997

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 5, 1997, for one (1) month from August 5, 1997 to September 5, 1997.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1060.

Respectfully submitted,

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